

**§ 93.204 Contract.**

*Contract* means an acquisition instrument awarded under the HHS Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), 48 CFR Chapter 1, excluding any small purchases awarded pursuant to FAR Part 13.

**§ 93.205 Debarment or suspension.**

*Debarment* or *suspension* means the Government wide exclusion, whether temporary or for a set term, of a person from eligibility for Federal grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements under the HHS regulations at 45 CFR part 76 (nonprocurement) and 48 CFR subparts 9.4 and 309.4 (procurement).

**§ 93.206 Debarring official.**

*Debarring official* means an official authorized to impose debarment or suspension. The HHS debarring official is either—

- (a) The Secretary; or
- (b) An official designated by the Secretary.

**§ 93.207 Departmental Appeals Board or DAB.**

*Departmental Appeals Board* or *DAB* means, depending on the context—

- (a) The organization, within the Office of the Secretary, established to conduct hearings and provide impartial review of disputed decisions made by HHS operating components; or
- (b) An Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) at the DAB.

**§ 93.208 Evidence.**

*Evidence* means any document, tangible item, or testimony offered or obtained during a research misconduct proceeding that tends to prove or disprove the existence of an alleged fact.

**§ 93.209 Funding component.**

*Funding component* means any organizational unit of the PHS authorized to award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements for any activity that involves the conduct of biomedical or behavioral research, research training or activities related to that research or research training, e.g., agencies, bureaus, centers, institutes, divisions, or offices and other awarding units within the PHS.

**§ 93.210 Good faith.**

*Good faith* as applied to a complainant or witness, means having a belief in the truth of one's allegation or testimony that a reasonable person in the complainant's or witness's position could have based on the information known to the complainant or witness at the time. An allegation or cooperation with a research misconduct proceeding is not in good faith if made with knowing or reckless disregard for information that would negate the allegation or testimony. Good faith as applied to a committee member means cooperating with the research misconduct proceeding by carrying out the duties assigned impartially for the purpose of helping an institution meet its responsibilities under this part. A committee member does not act in good faith if his/her acts or omissions on the committee are dishonest or influenced by personal, professional, or financial conflicts of interest with those involved in the research misconduct proceeding.

**§ 93.211 Hearing.**

*Hearing* means that part of the research misconduct proceeding from the time a respondent files a request for an administrative hearing to contest ORI findings of research misconduct and HHS administrative actions until the time the ALJ issues a recommended decision.

**§ 93.212 Inquiry.**

*Inquiry* means preliminary information-gathering and preliminary fact-finding that meets the criteria and follows the procedures of §§ 93.307–93.309.

**§ 93.213 Institution.**

*Institution* means any individual or person that applies for or receives PHS support for any activity or program that involves the conduct of biomedical or behavioral research, biomedical or behavioral research training, or activities related to that research or training. This includes, but is not limited to colleges and universities, PHS intramural biomedical or